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SUBJ: YEMENI REQUEST FOR JORDAN ASSISTANCE

REF: SANAA 1358

1. KING ASKED ME TO SEE HIM THIS MORNING ABOUT YEMEN

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SITUATION. HE BRIEFED FOR ME THREE URGENT CABLES FROM HIS

AMBASSADOR (MUSTAFA) IN SANAA OUTLINING INFORMATION IN REFTEL. BASIC NORTH YEMEN REQUEST IS FOR AIRLIFT OF AMMUNITION AS STATED PARA 6 REFTEL--500,000 ROUNDS 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN AMMUNITION, 500 ROUNDS 76MM AMMUNITION FOR SALADIN ARMORED CARS AND 500 ROUNDS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF 106MM RECOILESS RIFLE AMMUNITION.

2. WILL REPEAT SEPTTEL FOR INFORMATION OF ADDRESSEES DETAILED RUNDOWN OF INFORMATION PROVIDED TO ME BY KING. IN ADDITION TO POINTS MADE REFTEL, YEMENIS (COL. ABDALLAH HIJAZI) TOLD MUSTAFA THAT LIBYANS WERE PREPARED TO PROVIDE EXTENSIVE MILITARY AID IF NORTH YEMEN SEPARATED ITSELF FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND EGYPT. HAMDİ REPORTEDLY REFUSED.

3. IN FURTHER AMPLIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON PAYMENT, HAMDİ TOLD MUSTAFA THAT HE WOULD SEEK FUNDS FROM SAUDI ARABIA, BUT FAILING THAT HE "WOULD DO THE IMPOSSIBLE" AND PAY FOR IT WITH FUNDS HE WOULD SCRAPE UP INTERNALLY.

4. KING'S PLAN WOULD BE TO MOVE AMMUNITION IMMEDIATELY BY SINGLE JORDANIAN C-130. HE WOULD WELCOME SAUDI AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE. 50 CALIBER AMMUNITION WILL BE TAKEN FROM STOCKS RECEIVED FROM IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA AND WILL PROVIDE NO PROBLEM FOR IMMEDIATE REPLACEMENT. SALADIN AMMUNITION DOES NOT COME FROM U.S. AND JORDAN WOULD NOT SEEK REPLACEMENT FROM U.S. 106MM THEY WOULD WANT REPLACED, BUT WOULD AGREE TO SURFACE SHIPMENT TO HOLD DOWN COST TO YEMEN. KING'S PRIMARY REQUEST IS FOR U.S. ADVICE AND APPROVAL OF HIS INCLINATION TO MOVE AHEAD AND HELP YEMENIS. SECONDARILY, HE SEEKS OUR HELP IN REPLACING, ON CASH BASIS MATERIAL AS NOTED ABOVE. HE IS NOT SO SURE THAT SAUDIS CAN BE CONVINCED TO PAY, OR THAT NORTH YEMEN HAS MONEY IN THE TILL, BUT IS WILLING TO TAKE A CHANCE BECAUSE HE FEELS IT IS IMPORTANT FOR U.S. AND JORDAN TO MOVE TOGETHER IN INSTANCES LIKE THAT POSED BY HAMDİ'S REQUEST.

5. KING WILL BE GOING TO ABU DHABI AND OMAN ON SATURDAY JULY 6. HE ASKED ME TO GET HIS REQUEST URGENTLY TO SECRETARY AND SEEK RESPONSE FROM USG BEFORE SATURDAY AT 8 A.M. LOCAL (5 A.M. GMT). IF HE RECEIVES FAVORABLE RESPONSE, HE

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WILL BEGIN AIR SHIPMENT ON SUNDAY, JUL 7.

6. WHILE FULL INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE IN AMMAN, IT WOULD SEEM THAT REPLACEMENT, IF ALL ELSE FAILS, COULD COME FROM POSSIBLE ABU DHABI FMS CASE FOR YEMEN NOW PENDING. IN ADDITION, I BELIEVE KING WILL BE READY TO RAISE QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN ABU DHABI ON SATURDAY IF USG THOUGHT SUCH WOULD BE USEFUL.

7. SUBJECT TO AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD'S VIEWS, WE BELIEVE ENCOUR-
AGEMENT OF KING WOULD BE CORRECT COURSE. IT MEETS OUR UNDER-
STANDING OF POLICY OF KEEPING ARABS OUT FRONT IN YEMEN,
APPEARS TO INVOLVE LITTLE RISK OF A CHARGE TO U.S. FOR REPLACE-
MENT OF ITEMS JORDAN SHIPS, AND HELPS TO PREEMPT LYBIA AND
SOVIETS. FURTHER DOWN ROAD IS QUESTION OF LARGE SCALE JORDANIAN
ASSISTANCE TO NORTH YEMEN POSED IN REFTEL ON WHICH WE WILL
WANT TO COMMENT LATER. PICKERING UNQUOTE SISCO

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